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DRINK

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DO

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The No. 145 route is one of eight proposed for elimination
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Bus chopper?

12 routes on the block as CTA plans to ease crowding with additions elsewhere

By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE

The CTA on Wednesday unveiled its proposal to cut or change 26 bus routes with low ridership while adding more bus and rail service to ease some of the system's most crowded spots.

The proposal, which the CTA said will not cost the agency any money, is the first major service overhaul in 15 years. The CTA board will vote on the plan at its Sept. 12 board meeting, and service changes would go into effect Dec. 16.

The changes come on the heels of 16 months of consecutive growth in ridership on the CTA—leading to some cramped buses and trains, particularly during rush hour.

"It's been 15 years since the CTA has taken this type of comprehensive, holistic look at service," CTA spokesman Brian Steele said. "Our sense is that this growth will continue."

On the rail side, 17 rail trips will be added to six lines during weekday rush hour. These additional trains mostly will be on the Blue, Red and Brown lines, which will also see weekend service boosts. The Yellow and Pink lines will not see any additional service.

SOUND OFF
Riders can share their opinions of the proposed changes at a public meeting at 6 p.m. Sept. 4 at CTA Headquarters, 567 W. Lake St.

On the bus side, high ridership routes such as the No. 79-79th Street, No. 49-Western, No. 50-Damen, No. 66-Chicago, No. 36-Broadway and No. 3-King Drive buses will see additional service.

But some routes also face entire or partial elimination. The CTA said Pace or rail service will cover some of the cuts.

The CTA has proposed splitting the No. 11-Lincoln bus, which travels between Skokie and the Clinton Blue Line station near Union Station, into two routes. The No. 11 bus would service the area north of the Western Brown Line station while a new No. 37-Sedgwick would service south the area of the Fullerton station.

The portion of Lincoln Avenue between the Western and Fullerton stops would be without bus service.

The CTA said the Brown Line can cover this area. In that scenario, riders south of the Paulina stop on Lincoln Avenue would need to walk a few blocks to get to the Brown Line.

Also, the No. 144-Marine/Michigan Express and the No. 145-Wilson/Michigan Express, which both connect Michigan Avenue to the North Side along the lakefront, would be eliminated. The CTA said it plans to add service to the No. 146-Inner Drive/Michigan Express and No. 148-Clarendon Michigan Express.

The CTA also would ask for more money from businesses that help subsidize routes in order to prevent the routes from being eliminated. This includes four University of Chicago routes, the No. 132-Goose Island Express, which travels between the Metra Clybourn station and downtown, and the No. 33-Mag Mile Express, which runs between the Western/Grand Metra and the Clybourn Metra.

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BUS SHAKEUP

The CTA on Wednesday announced plans for major route changes. There will be a public hearing about the proposed changes Sept. 4 at CTA headquarters. If approved by the CTA board, the changes would go into effect Dec. 16. T.S.

There are eight routes proposed for discontinuation
» No. X28 Stony Island Express (send No. 28 downtown during peak instead)
» No. 64 Foster-Canfield (Alternative No. 90 and Pace No. 209)
» No. 69 Cumberland/East River (reroute No. 81W)
» No. 122 Ill. Center/Ogilvie Express (extend No. 120 into Streeterville)
» No. 123 Ill. Center/Union Express (extend No. 121 into Streeterville)
» No. 129 West Loop/South Loop (Alternative No. 1, No. 29 and Green Line)
» No. 144 Marine/Michigan Express (Add service to No. 148)
» No. 145 Wilson/Michigan Express (Add service to No. 146)

There are four routes proposed for discontinuation that are served by Pace
» No. 17 Westchester (Alternative Pace No. 317)
» No. 49A South Western (Alternative Pace No. 349)
» No. 56A North Milwaukee (Alternative Pace No. 270)
» 90N North Harlem (Alternative Pace No. 423)

There are two proposed route segment eliminations
» No. 1 Indiana/Hyde Park (Discontinue south of 35th Street)
» No. 11 Lincoln/Sedgwick (eliminate service between Western and Fullerton Avenues and rename segments No. 11 Lincoln and No. 37 Sedgwick)

There is one proposed route combination
» No.111 Pullman/111th/115th—split into two new routes: No. 111 111th/King Drive and No. 115 Pullman/115th

Under the proposal, nine privately contracted routes would have their subsidies renegotiated or the route would be eliminated.
» No. 10 Museum of Science & Industry
» No. 33 Mag Mile Express
» No. X98 Avon Express
» No. 132 Goose Island Express
» No. 169 69th-UPS Express
» No. 170 U of C/Midway
» No. 171 U of C/Hyde Park
» No. 172 U of C/Kenwood
» No. 192 U of C/Hospital Express

One route would have night service eliminated
» No. N201 Central/Sherman—Owl service (1-5:15 a.m.)

One route would see schedule integration with Pace
» No. 95W West 95th (coordinate with Pace No. 381)

Let's declare a city-'burb truce

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As long as there have been cities, there have been suburbs. Humans have lived their entire lives in both and turned out well. Yet as long as there have been cities and 'burbs, there has been friction between the inhabitants.

The recent outrage about a phantom Kuma's Corner location in a Schaumburg mall remind us all of this ever-present yet thankfully bloodless conflict. The Kuma's story—which started when RedEye spotted a coming-soon note on a mall directory and quickly was dismissed by the restaurant—turned into the online Civil War. (Or was it the War of Suburban Aggression?) The point is, people on both sides went absolutely nuts, and it left me completely conflicted.

Kuma's Corner
CHRIS WALKER/TRIBUNE FILE

Like a lot of Chicagoans, I spent some of my formative years in the suburbs (I see you, Homewood) and some in the city. So what's my affiliation? Do I get to claim that I'm a "real Chicagoan" even though I moved to the 'burbs when I was 10—and then back again in my 20s? Does any of this even matter in the long run?

No, it doesn't. I'm about peace, y'all. We don't have to keep up this vicious cycle. As someone who has spent considerable time living in both the city and the 'burbs, allow me to propose these rules for better relations.

FOR CITY DWELLERS

1. You don't get to cast judgment if you're living a suburban existence in the city. There are some of you who fail to take advantage of your city and all of the cool stuff in it. If you're only going to work, then the same four bars and restaurants, what's the difference between you and someone in Oswego? Nothing.

2. If someone from the suburbs does something notable, you don't get to claim him or her as a Chicagoan. Seriously, should it matter to you that Bill Murray was born and raised in Wilmette? NOPE. Let those neighborhoods claim those folks.

3. Recognize that, sometimes, the 'burbs have it going on. Red Lobster. Ikea. A lot of amazing restaurants that aren't chains. Breweries such as Flossmoor Station and Two Brothers. You CAN have a good time outside of the city limits.

FOR SUBURBANITES

1. Stop acting like it's 1953. There's a sort of weird suburban nationalism from folks who pretend bad things happen only in the city. "It's too loud." "Too much crime and too many weirdos." You may want to check what your little brother is up to in your suburban basement. Uh, better knock first.

2. When visiting the city, stop behaving like it's Vegas. You know damn well you're too grown to be out here passed out in a Tapout shirt at age 28. Everything in moderation.

3. Know the three S's of city living and apply them when you're visiting. Shut up on public transportation. Stay on the right side of the sidewalk so people can get by. And seriously, shut the hell up on the train.

See? World's already a better place. Now if you need me, I'm off to Red Lobster. Endless shrimp, y'all!

ERNEST WILKINS IS CHICAGO'S WINGMAN.

TUMBLR THURSDAY

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One dog-themed Tumblr, two dog-themed Tumblrs ... why don't we just make this a dog-themed Tumblr Thursday, eh? I didn't think you would mind. —JESSICA GALLIART, REDEYE SOCIAL MEDIA LADY

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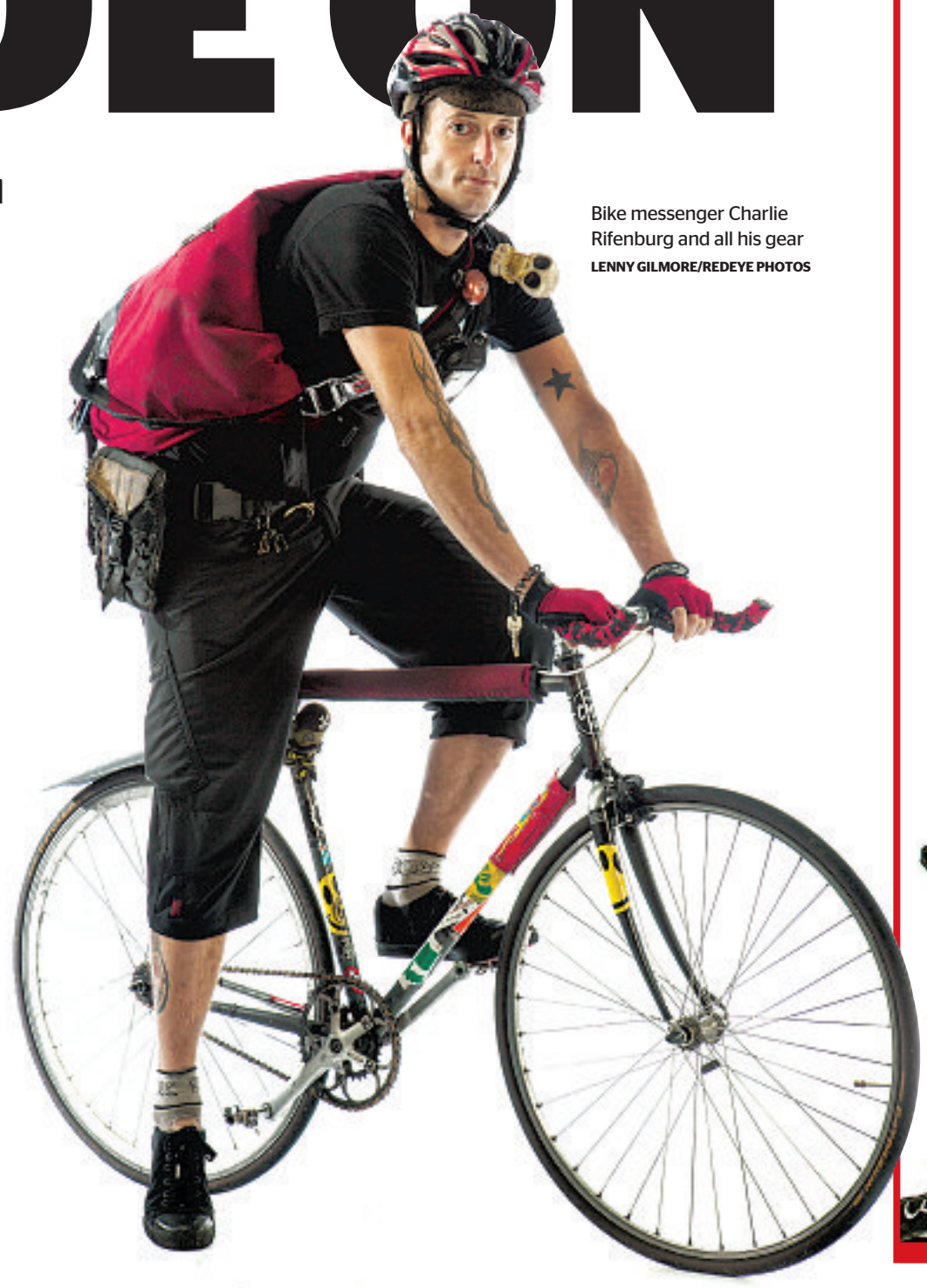
RIDE ON

Chicago bike messengers say the job isn't all Hollywood hype—but it ain't easy either



Bike messenger Charlie Rifenburg and all his gear
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE PHOTOS

By Mick Swasko | REDEYE

Charlie Rifenburg knows how it feels to be chased on a bike during a delivery.

The 33-year-old courier from Bridgeport wasn't trying to escape some evil conspiracy like Joseph Gordon-Levitt does in the upcoming big-budget flick "Premium Rush;" he was evading a ticked-off downtown driver. But Rifenburg and other two-wheeled warriors of the road surely could get themselves out of the kinds of jams depicted in the movie, which opens Friday.

"I think most messengers would be able to get out of the way, get out of danger," he said. After all, making more than a dozen deliveries a day gives him the advantage of knowing every shortcut, alleyway and one-way street in downtown Chicago. There are no police chases, gunslingers or under-the-table cash exchanges to speak of—all of which are featured in previews for the flick—but for the estimated 150 or so active couriers in the city, the job does get interesting. And even though the Internet has cut down on the need for a quick, in-person delivery, Chicago's messengers still find themselves navigating busy traffic, dodging lost tourists and using their expert knowledge of the city's streets to make on-time deliveries.

"There is romanticism, or an ideal of romanticism, of being a bike messenger downtown all day," said Justin Congleton, 32, of Bucktown, who has been a messenger for 10 years.

A typical day can bring any number and variety of jobs, Congleton said. In some cases, it's a day's worth of standard pick-ups and drop-offs of blueprints and legal documents. Taking a delivery from "the can" to "the daily dump" might not mean much to the layman, but Congleton knows he'll be picking up from the Aon building and going to Richard J. Daley Center. Lingo that only couriers understand is part of the job.

"We have colorful names made up for some of the companies that probably shouldn't go in the paper," he said.

It's not always envelopes and shipping boxes toted around town, he said. Modern messengers commonly find themselves returning phones left at restaurants or picking up golf clubs forgotten in cabs, luxury services that many high-profile companies are willing to pay for. Other times, the deliveries get plain strange. When Congleton first started, he would transport tissue samples from Stroger Hospital.

"We used to joke and call that a lunch run," he said.

For Rifenburg, there is a sense of community associated with the job, a bond evident when a fellow courier gets injured and everyone rallies in support. It's the love of hustle for a good day's pay and outdoor work—good weather and bad—that makes a desk job nearly impossible.

"Basically all you need is a messenger bag, a way to contact work, a bike and a lock," he said. A good day's work is about 30 deliveries. Lately, because of the season and the general decline in business with electronic documents, it's more like 15 to 17 per day. The U.S. Bureau of Labor estimates that, nationwide, the median pay for the job is $11.58 per hour, or about $24,080 per year.

Congleton, who has been a messenger about four years longer than Rifenburg, said he feels some of the messenger subculture has faded in recent years. With the popularity of cycling in the city on the upswing, he said messengers aren't revered for their skill of weaving in and out of traffic and speeding across the city as they once were. He also said that younger messengers no longer have to

WATER A collapsible water container is easy to fit in a pocket. He also carries a larger "Premium Rush"-branded bottle for hydration on long trips.

BIKE LOCK Essential for making sure a bike is safe when a delivery is made.

BIKE Many messengers custom fit their bikes with different parts. This one has had brakes installed.

PLASTIC BUCKLE BELT Plastic is preferred for getting through metal detectors in downtown buildings more easily. The buckle also makes it quick and easy to take off if security requests. The different pouches can hold extra cash, phones and a courier's manifest.

PACKED AND READY

Bike messengers have plenty of tools they take on the go. When blown tires, metal detectors and oblivious pedestrians are part of the daily grind, it's better to be prepared. Courier Charlie Rifenburg emptied his pockets and pouches to reveal his arsenal of messenger gear. **M.S.**

1 MESSENGER BAG A staple for all couriers, it's used to hold documents or other items to be delivered.

2 NOISE MAKERS At left, the skull-shaped device is a horn, used to warn pedestrians of the approaching bike. At right, Rifenburg uses a bell to alert empty reception desks that he's arrived for a delivery.

3 BIKE TOOLS A spare tire, tire patching kit, wrenches and chain oil all are part of being prepared for on-the-road hazards.

4 MESSENGER ID Many buildings downtown require an ID, which is issued by a courier's employer, for security purposes.

5 WORK AND PERSONAL CELLPHONES A push-to-talk phone makes it easy to communicate with dispatch, and a larger battery keeps the device powered for long use. It also electronically logs deliveries so clients can track them.

6 HELMET City code requires all courier companies to supply messengers with helmets, though they are not required to actually wear them.

7 MANIFEST A log of all pickups and dropoffs is kept, so a company has a legal record of deliveries.

"prove themselves" as they once did to the rest of the courier community. Once, only the truly passionate riders took up the job. Now, younger messengers pick it up just to say they've done it.

It's the sense of competition that keeps Christina Peck, 25, of Humboldt Park, coming back to jobs that require two wheels. Before her current job at ZipCar—where she rides her bike to cars throughout the city to bring them in for maintenance—she was a courier for two years. Making deliveries was a job, but competing in official and non-sanctioned races keeps her going. She became the first woman to rank first overall in the National Cycle Messenger Championships in 2009. Despite being in a male-dominated field, she's never felt like she's had something to prove.

"I still think it takes a certain type of person to want to do this job," she said. "I'm a pretty competitive person. Maybe it's just a certain type of girl that wants to do a job that's more physically taxing and there's mostly males."

Despite the shifting industry and daily grind, Rifenburg said he is happy Hollywood is giving his livelihood the big-screen treatment, even if he feels he and fellow messengers will poke holes in the inaccuracies. His experience on the streets has him guessing that Gordon-Levitt wouldn't last long as a Chicago courier.

"He gets hit at least three times in the preview alone. He wouldn't be a very good messenger if he got hit three times in one day," he said. "He'd have to reconsider his strategy."

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Riders prove their prowess

It takes a combination of skill and experience to make it as a messenger in Chicago. It takes determination to be the best in the world.

Nico Deportago-Cabrera has it all.

The 28-year-old bike messenger from Bucktown has consistently placed in the Top 20 in both national and international championships for bike messengers since 2009. Although this year he sat out the Cycle Messenger World Championships, which were held in Chicago from Aug. 2-5, he said the winner of that event should consider himself the best in the world.

Last year, Deportago-Cabrera placed seventh in the competition, which was held in Warsaw, Poland.

"It's understood that these championships are not easy to win. They're designed in a way where it takes a strong courier to race," he said.

Deportago-Cabrera, who designed this year's race in the south parking lot of Soldier Field, said cyclists from around the world navigate a mock streetscape and make deliveries just as they would on the job.

In all, 14 men and two women from Chicago took spots in the top 100 this year, out of a field of about 375 overall. Chicago messenger Mike Morell placed highest, coming in 17th.

"It's a big deal," Deportago-Cabrera said. "To a lot of us, it's a validation of how hard we work every day." **M.S.**

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THURSDAY 91/70 Hey hot stuff

FRIDAY 94/71 Humidity city

SATURDAY 91/71 Three-peat

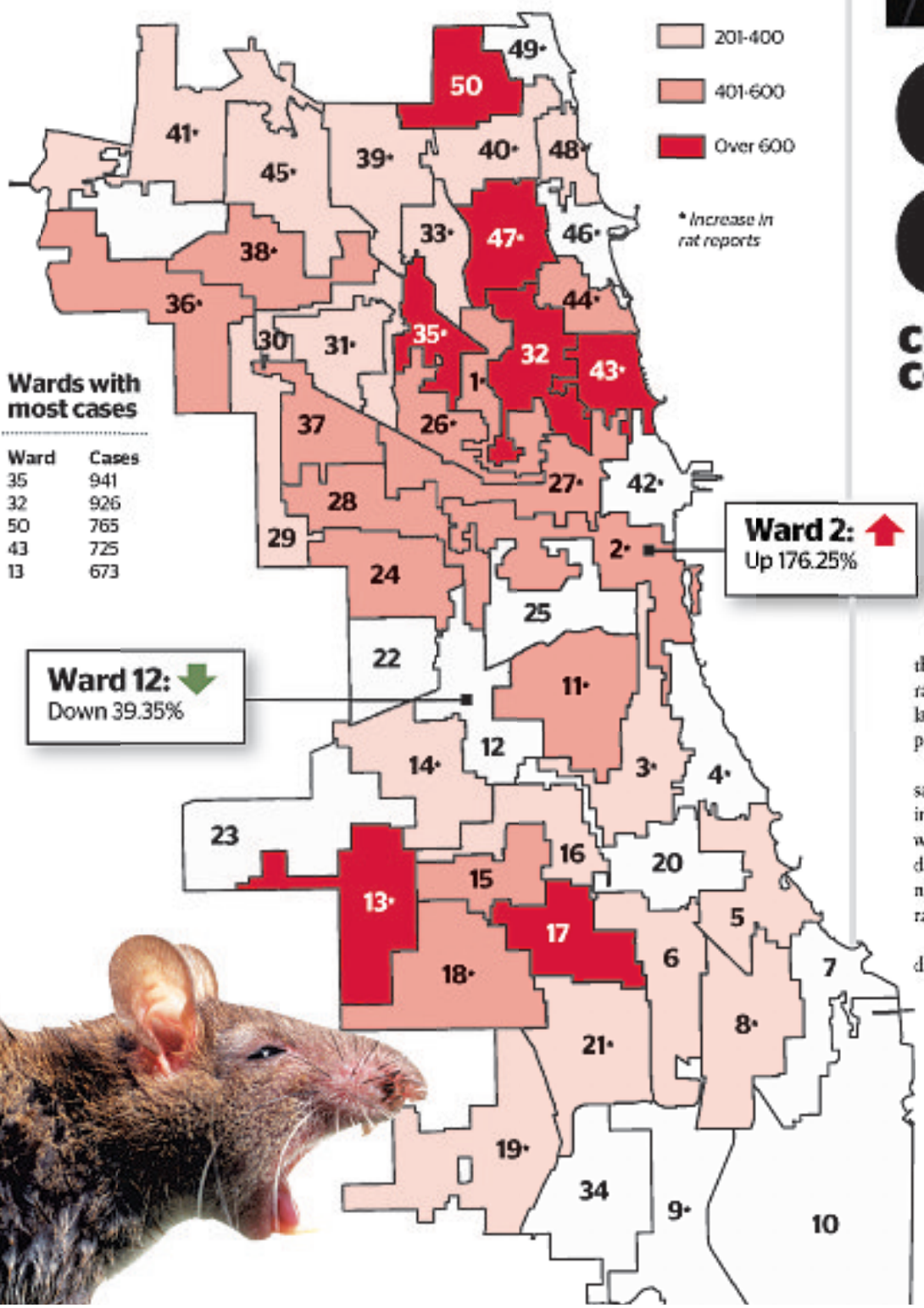
FYI Shock jock Mancow Muller will simulcast his syndicated morning radio show on WPWR-Ch. 50 this fall.

RODENT RADAR

Calls to Chicago's 311 center to report rodents are up more than 19 percent compared with the same time last year. The increase likely is due to the historically mild winter, which enabled rats to survive in greater numbers than usual.

CITY HALL RAT COMPLAINTS

By ward, Jan. 1 to July 31



Terrah Cherry from Streets and Sanitation posts a sign about rats in a South Side alley Aug. 17 as she answers calls from neighbors about rat problems.
NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

OH HELL GNAW!

CHICAGO SEEING MORE RAT COMPLAINTS AFTER MILD WINTER

Chicago Tribune

Chicagoans rejoiced over the historically mild winter, but now many are experiencing the downside of no deep freeze: the pitter-patter of tiny feet in neighborhood alleys, the sound of a city's rats thriving.

Complaints to City Hall about the rodents are on the rise.

Through the end of July, the number of calls to the city's 311 center asking for a crew to get rid of rats was up more than 28 percent compared with last year. The raw figures: 15,895 calls this year, compared with 12,375 over the same period in 2011.

Department of Streets and Sanitation officials say they've put out more rat poison and are working more efficiently this year. Teams are responding within six days instead of an average of nearly eight days a year ago, according to city records. And the number of cases where crews put out poison to kill rats was up more than 19 percent, to 18,339.

One explanation is that brown rats, the area's predominant species, likely rode out the chilly months with uncharacteristic ease, according to Steve Sullivan, senior curator of urban ecology for the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

"Rats don't hibernate. They have to forage for food year-round, which is much more difficult if there's a lot of snow and the temperatures plummet," Sullivan said. "So we usually see a significant die-off between their first and second year. It's likely that didn't happen this past winter, though, because we didn't have that long snap of frigid temperatures with deep snow."

Rat patrols get a boost

The city will add two crews to its rodent poisoning teams to respond to a spike in the number of rat complaints around Chicago.

Four Streets and Sanitation workers who are on duty disability will be brought back to work to join the 15 two-person crews already putting out poison around the city, Streets and Sanitation Commissioner Thomas Byrne said Wednesday.

The new crews are temporary and will be on the job until the numbers of rodent complaints decrease. Byrne would not estimate how long that will take. The money to pay for the four additional workers will come from the Streets and Sanitation Department's existing budget, he said.

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Tall covered structures line the the median of the remodeled Congress Parkway.
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Congress Parkway about to lighten up

Chicago Tribune

Eighteen illuminated pillars along Congress Parkway are expected to be unveiled around the winter holidays, welcoming motorists as they enter downtown Chicago from the Eisenhower Expressway.

The city's Department of Transportation is putting the final touches on the tarp-covered 20-foot-tall posts, also called bollards, which drivers and pedestrians may have noticed nestled in the medians of the busy roadway between Wells and State streets.

Though each light fixture can feature any of 16 million colors, pedestrians and drivers likely will see four main schemes used to represent the seasons and holiday color arrangements, said project director Janet Attarian, of the Transportation Department.

Officials are working on the color aspect right now, looking to create "visually interesting, but also not distracting" presentations, Attarian said.

"People are going to say, 'Oh yeah, Congress, that's where there's the light,' " Attarian said. "There certainly isn't anything like this in Chicago now."

FIRST LOOK?

Transportation officials believe the pillar project will be completed by Thanksgiving or Christmas. A date has not been set for the unveiling.

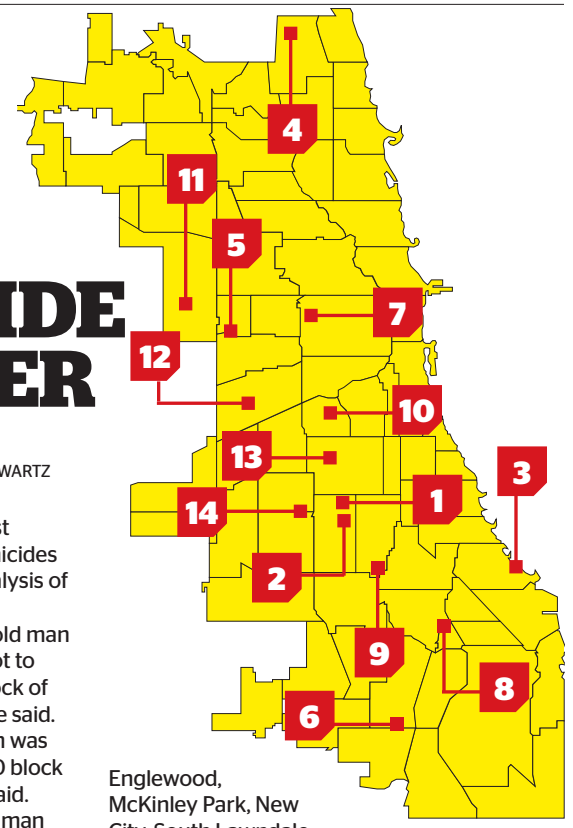
EXPRESS LINES

» During Drew Peterson's trial Wednesday, Master Sgt. Bryan Falat testified that he had expressed his view while at Kathleen Savio's home the night her body was found that "this could possibly be a homicide."

» Police officers happened upon a drive-by shooting on the South Side late Tuesday and exchanged shots with a gunman who had critically wounded a woman, authorities said. The gunman remained at large.

» The body of a man was pulled from Belmont Harbor on Wednesday after it was spotted by someone fishing, police said. TRIBUNE

Homicides from Aug. 15 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.



HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz
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Austin, Chicago Lawn and West Englewood each saw two homicides in the past week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

In Chicago Lawn, a 22-year-old man and a 15-year-old boy were shot to death Tuesday in the 5900 block of South Francisco Avenue, police said.

In Austin, an 18-year-old man was fatally shot Saturday in the 100 block of North Pine Avenue, police said. One day earlier, an 18-year-old man was shot to death in the 500 block of South Kilpatrick Avenue, according to officials.

In West Englewood, a 3-week-old girl was found abused at the 6000 block of South Bishop Avenue on Aug. 15, officials said. She later died. Also Aug. 15, a 21-year-old man was fatally shot in the 6200 block of South Laflin Street, police said.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in the last week in Chatham, Englewood, McKinley Park, New City, South Lawndale, South Shore, West Pullman and West Ridge, RedEye data shows.

Meanwhile, a man was stabbed to death Saturday in the 200 block of South Rockwell Street on the Near West Side, police said.

Saturday alone saw six homicides, tying it with Feb. 19 as the deadliest day of the year, RedEye determined.

Forty homicides have been recorded so far this month, RedEye data shows. Thirty-seven homicides were logged in August 2011.

1 **6000 BLOCK OF S. BISHOP AVE.**
Date: Aug 15 **Cause:** Child Abuse

2 **6200 BLOCK OF S. LAFLIN ST.**
Date: Aug. 15 **Cause:** Gunshot

3 **7600 BLOCK OF S. COLES AVE.**
Date: Aug. 15 **Cause:** Gunshot

4 **2900 BLOCK OF W. SHERWIN AVE.**
Date: Aug. 17 **Cause:** Gunshot

5 **500 BLOCK OF S. KILPATRICK AVE.**
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9 **7400 BLOCK OF S. PEORIA ST.**
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10 **2100 BLOCK OF W. 35TH ST.**
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11 **100 BLOCK OF N. PINE AVE.**
Date: Aug. 18 **Cause:** Gunshot

12 **3000 BLOCK OF S. PULASKI RD.**
Date: Aug. 19 **Cause:** Gunshot

13 **1900 BLOCK OF W. 47TH ST.**
Date: Aug. 21 **Cause:** Gunshot

14 **5900 BLOCK OF S. FRANCISCO AVE.**
Date: Aug. 21 **Cause:** Gunshot

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Swimmers embark on the annual Lake Zurich crossing event Wednesday in Switzerland. REUTERS

2 Country in mourning
Women light candles after Mass on Tuesday in Manila. The Philippines is mourning after divers recovered the body of Jesse Robredo, the Department of Interior and Local Government secretary who died when a plane carrying him and three others crashed into the sea. GETTY IMAGES

3 Just a drill
Government employees evacuate a building Wednesday in Seoul, South Korea, during a civil defense drill to test preparedness against chemical, biological and radiological attack. REUTERS

Surge in reports of West Nile virus

4 ATLANTA The recent West Nile virus outbreak is the largest ever seen in the U.S., according to new numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The number of cases so far this year is the highest recorded through August since the disease was first detected in the U.S. in 1999. As of Tuesday, 38 states had reported human infections.

The cases reported to the CDC as of Tuesday total 1,118, including 41 deaths.

That number rose to 42 on Wednesday when a death was reported in Arkansas.

"The peak of West Nile virus epidemics usually occurs in mid-August, but it takes a couple of weeks for people to get sick, go to the doctor and get reported," said Dr. Lyle Petersen, the director of the CDC's Vector-Borne Infectious Disease Division. "Thus we expect many more cases to occur."

Petersen said the reason for the high number of cases this year is unclear, but that unusually warm weather could have fostered favorable conditions for the disease's transfer to humans.

About 75 percent of the cases are in Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Dakota and Oklahoma. Texas has been at the epicenter of the outbreak, with 586 confirmed cases and 21 deaths, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

A technician sprays a mosquito repellent outside a home in Glenview on Tuesday. TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE

Airline seat space shrinking in coach

JetBlue and Canada's WestJet are cutting legroom for some nonpremium seats. At the same time, they're increasing legroom for seats in higher-priced sections. Other airlines are following suit this year, reducing distance between seats.

5 Winner of $337M lotto comes forward

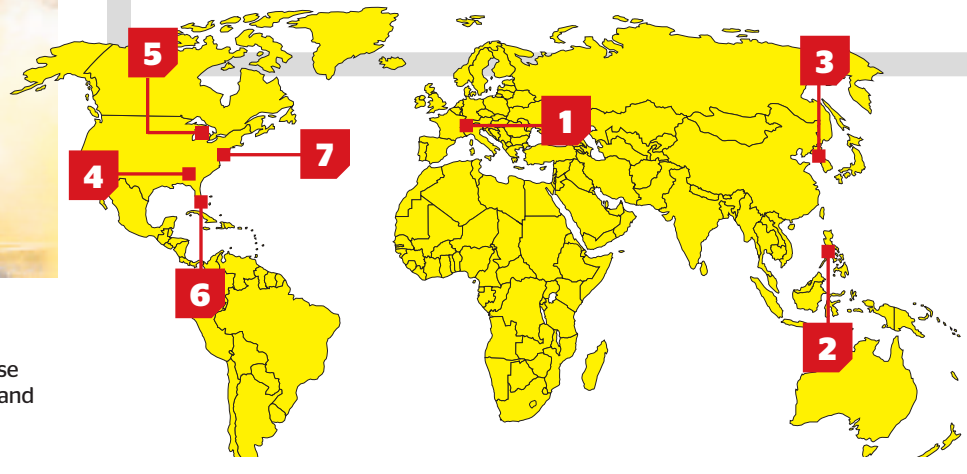
It took a week, but the winner of the $337 million Powerball jackpot has reached out to the Michigan Lottery. It's the third-largest prize in Powerball history, the lottery says, and no date has yet been scheduled for the winner to come forward to claim it.

6 Isaac on track for convention

Tropical Storm Isaac swirled over the Caribbean on Wednesday and was forecast to become a hurricane as it moved on a track that would put it off the coast of Florida on Monday, the opening day of the Republican National Convention in Tampa.

7 Akin defies party 'bosses'

Republican Representative Todd Akin on Wednesday left open the possibility that he might drop out of the Missouri Senate race, but remained defiant against "party bosses" who want him to quit after controversial comments on rape and abortion.



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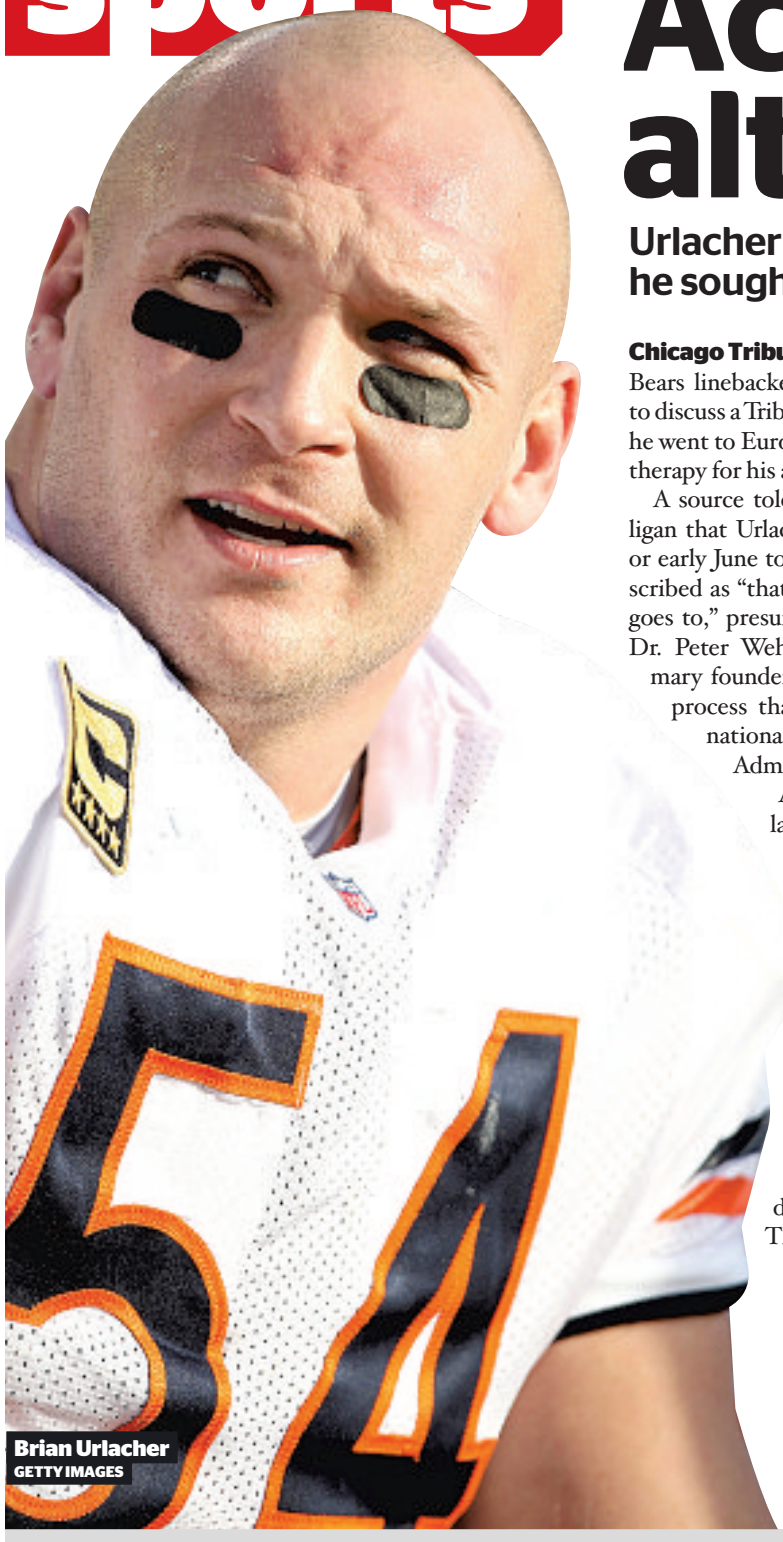
Aching for alternatives?

Urlacher dodges questions in wake of reports he sought treatment on left knee in Europe



Brian Urlacher
GETTY IMAGES

Chicago Tribune

Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher declined to discuss a Tribune report Wednesday that he went to Europe in pursuit of alternative therapy for his ailing left knee.

A source told the Tribune's Mike Mulligan that Urlacher left sometime in May or early June to meet with a physician described as "that famous doctor everybody goes to," presumed to be Germany-based Dr. Peter Wehling, credited as the primary founder of Regenokine therapy, a process that has not been approved nationally by the Food and Drug Administration.

Another source said Urlacher opted for "non-invasive treatment" that he paid for himself.

"I heard about that," Urlacher said Wednesday when asked at Halas Hall about the report. "Are there any quotes from me in there? Yeah, I didn't think there were any quotes from me, or anybody else, for that matter.

"It doesn't matter what I did or what I haven't done. This is where we're at now, so that's really all that matters."

Urlacher underwent arthroscopic surgery on the knee last week and hopes to be able to play in the Sept. 9 regular-season opener against Indianapolis.

Asked again if he had gone to Germany, Urlacher said, "Like I just told you ... I went to Europe last year. We played in London. I was definitely in Europe last year."

The Regenokine treatment hasn't been approved by the FDA, according to a source familiar with the agency's thinking, because the FDA is leery about the manipulation of blood product and wants more testing.

Coach Lovie Smith was evasive when asked to address the report.

"Once you come up with someone that says this happened, then I can respond to it," Smith said. "We've already responded to all of it. I think you got a chance to talk to Brian a little while ago.

"I know right now Brian Urlacher is here. He's getting healthy every day. And I don't see what else we need to talk about."

Smith became annoyed when a reporter asked if the report was true.

"You tell me," Smith said. "I've told you all that I'm going to do as far as talking about it. I've made that ... I should have made that perfectly clear."

TREATMENT TREND

If Urlacher did in fact seek Regenekine therapy for his aching knee, he would not be the first famous face to do so. Among the others who've sought the treatment:

» L.A. Lakers guard Kobe Bryant

» N.Y. Yankees infielder Alex Rodriguez

» L.A. Clippers forward Grant Hill

» Phoenix Suns center Jermaine O'Neal

» Superagent Ari Emanuel (brother of Mayor Rahm Emanuel)

» The late Pope John Paul II

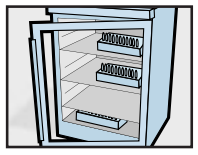
» Actor Nick Nolte

Using a patient's own blood to heal?

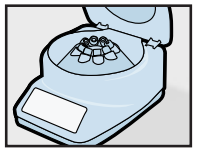
Athletes from baseball's Alex Rodriguez to basketball's Kobe Bryant and golf's Fred Couples have gone through a treatment using their own blood to relieve pain and swelling. The Regenokine Treatment Program uses the body's proteins and anti-inflammatory abilities to help affected joints. The treatment was developed by Peter Wehling, a German doctor, and has been practiced in California for two years but has not been approved nationally by the Food and Drug Administration.

HOW IT WORKS

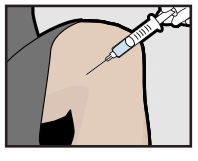
Draw
About 2 ounces of blood are drawn from the patient's arm. A syringe containing glass beads creates a reaction in the blood that produces protective proteins used by the body to heal.



Incubate
Blood is stored in an incubator at body temperature for up to nine hours. The temperature allows the anti-inflammatory proteins to increase up to 100 times.



Spin
Vials are put in a centrifuge, separating the protein-rich serum from other elements, such as cells and cell parts, that can cause inflammation.



Inject
The serum is used immediately or stored. A patient generally receives six shots injected directly into the affected area over the course of treatment.

SOURCES: "THE END OF PAIN" BY PETER WEHLING, LIFESPAN MEDICINE, NEWS REPORTS TRIBUNE

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SMOKE!

Tony Stewart joins the panel today, and he'll be back in town Sept. 15-16 for the the kickoff race in the Chase for the the NASCAR Sprint Cup at Chicagoland Speedway.

	Tony Stewart @tonystewart NASCAR driver	Brian Moore @bwthewebguy RedEye Web editor	Kat Velez @runsonduncan Blogger, runsonduncan.com	Matt Pais @mattpais RedEye's movies and music guy	Kevin Sciretta redeyesports @tribunecom 10 Chicago comedian
1 Matt Garza's season is officially over. What's his next move?	Matt Garza? Who's he drive for?	Tony Stewart's sparring partner.	Out of Chicago.	Saying, "Oh, man, I thought this was our year." Which would make him very, very wrong.	Inform the rest of the team that the season has started.
2 What can you tell us about the Little League World Series?	The kids playing right now kept at it a lot longer than I did playing in the Columbus (Ind.) Parks and Rec league.	It's misnamed. It's actually really, really big.	It's great ESPN will air this, but not hockey. Cool story, Worldwide Leader in Sports.	The players are way below professional age. Like 12. Total amateurs.	It's immediately followed by the Dad-Apologizes-For-Yelling-During-Your-Game-With-Pizza Championships.
3 Finish this sentence: If I pay $300 for sneakers, they should at least ...	... walk themselves.	... be equipped with GPS to get me to the nearest bank.	... yell at me for dropping $300 on some damn sneakers.	... automatically kick me in the face for doing it.	... take away my right to buy anything else, because what I just did was stupid.
4 Looks like Scottie Pippen was in a fender bender with his Porsche. Console him.	If he drove a Chevy, the only guy needing consoling would be the other guy. Scottie's car would be fine.	"You can use your $300 LeBron shoes and walk your ass around."	"I'm sure your backup Porsche is just as nice."	Um, no. It's a Porsche. And a fender bender.	"You're Scottie Pippen." That should do it.
5 What should Tony Stewart know about driving in Chicago?	It can't be worse than racing against 42 other guys, unless, of course, you're only able to get up to 2 mph.	Those aren't stationary obstacles, those are actually in-service CTA buses.	Don't do it.	Most of us don't want to watch it on TV. Call me when you find a way to incorporate a ball.	No matter what you do, you're going to get a ticket, so just floor it.

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LeBron can keep his $300 shoes

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OK, so the LeBron X shoe won't cost $315.

It will, Nike says, be available for the low, low price of $180 (like, basically, free).

Granted, that $180 version won't be the "initial introduction" of the LeBron X, the version that will perform vital tasks such as tell you how high you can jump and measure your "explosiveness."

Nike says the price of the explosiveness-detecting shoe has yet to be determined. But don't worry, it'll be well under what marketers call the "upper gullibility limit." They've determined, through decades of experiments, the exact price you or your parents will refuse to pay.

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Teenagers (or people who still live at home) can employ time-tested manipulations such as "Everyone has a pair!" and "I'll be so embarrassed if I have to go to school in old Yeezys!" on the "yes" parent of their choice.

For adults with checking accounts, the LeBron X will fall between "pricey enough to inspire jealousy" and "so expensive people will wonder whether you're the beneficiary of a will that forces you to spend $200 million in two weeks."

Research shows that the same kind of weird rationalization that prompts people to buy $250 jeans can work equally well on purchasing $290 basketball shoes.

First of all, they look cool! That's got to be worth $200 alone. When you factor in the quality of the materials (only the finest Indonesian plastic for you, my friend) and the sophisticated technology (your explosiveness cannot go unrecorded!), the shoes actually start to seem like a value.

But once you wait in line for days, grab the first available pair (size 5ff) and successfully trade with a millionaire kindergartner for a size 11, you're going to realize something marketing can't prepare you for.

You'll remember you live in Chicago, you're a Bulls fan and that LeBron James totally sucks.

And then you're going to really regret buying those shoes.

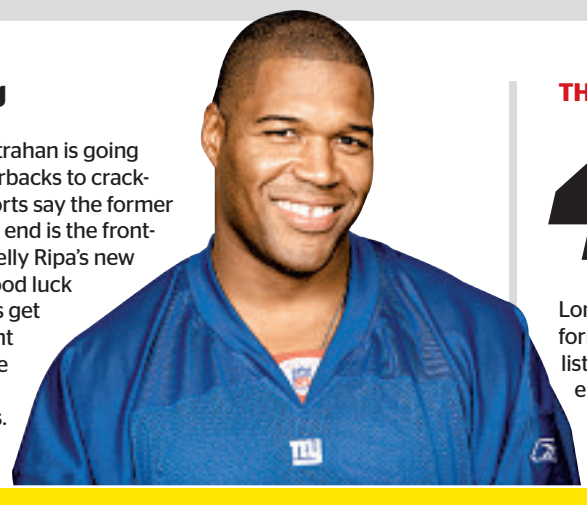
GEORGIA GARVEY IS A REDEYE REPORTER.

'Kicking' Danica while she's down

Can a shoe really affect a race car? Apparently a spectator threw a shoe onto the track in Montreal over the weekend, and Danica Patrick eventually went from first place to 27th after she ran over it. But her crew chief, Tony Eury Jr., told **espnw.com** that the driver's woes were unrelated to the incident. Second question: Who throws a shoe onto a racetrack?

'Live' huddling with Strahan?

It appears Michael Strahan is going from sacking quarterbacks to cracking up viewers. Reports say the former N.Y. Giants defensive end is the frontrunner to become Kelly Ripa's new co-host on "Live." Good luck to him, but if he does get the gig, we don't want a Bears QB anywhere near that set. Too many bad memories.



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That's how many fireplaces can be yours if you buy Brad Maynard's Long Grove mansion. The former Bears punter has listed the 14-room property for $1.379 million.

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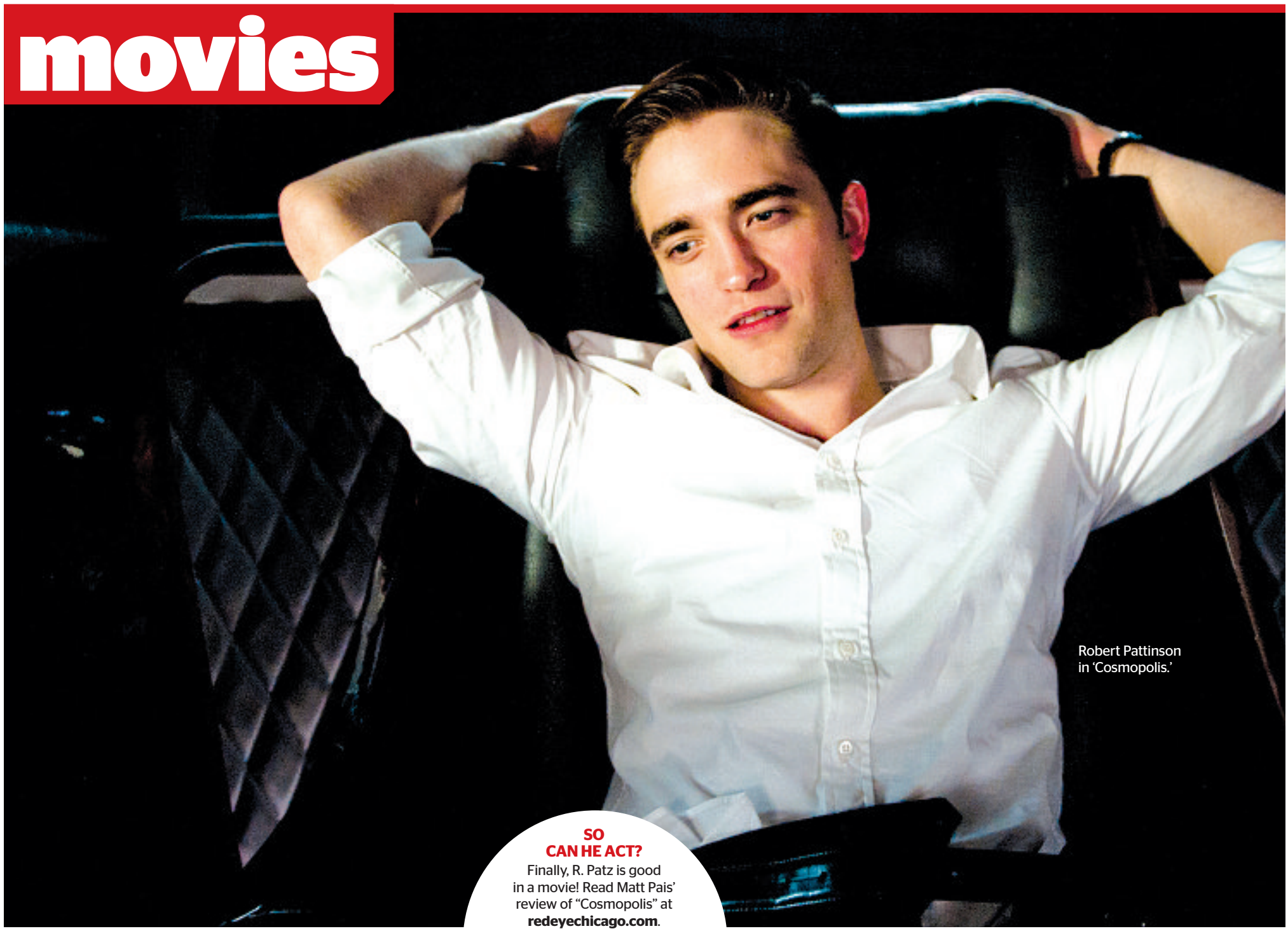

Robert Pattinson in 'Cosmopolis.'

SO CAN HE ACT?
Finally, R. Patz is good in a movie! Read Matt Pais' review of "Cosmopolis" at **redeyechicago.com**.

DON'T ASK

Promoting his new film 'Cosmopolis,' Pattinson has labored to steer clear of his high-profile breakup

Los Angeles Times

Jon Stewart tried to bait him with Ben & Jerry's Karamel Sutra. "Good Morning America" host George Stephanopoulos offered him Cinnamon Toast Crunch. But maybe french fries would have been a better ploy to get Robert Pattinson to spill some juicy personal details about his breakup with "Twilight" co-star Kristen Stewart.

"Media culture is a monstrous thing," Pattinson lamented last week, jamming fries into his mouth between puffs on his electronic cigarette. "You can't win. The annoying thing is that you can't attack them, but you can't defend yourself. The best thing you could possibly do is punch a paparazzi and give them their big payday."

Pattinson with Jon Stewart on 'The Daily Show.'

Pattinson on 'Good Morning America.'

The 26-year-old actor has run a gauntlet of publicity recently that was nominally about promoting his new film, "Cosmopolis," which opens in Chicago on Friday. But the promotional blitz, which also included a New York premiere and other stops, seemed to be as much about proving his emotional resilience following the tabloid bonanza that exploded after photos surfaced of Stewart, 22, in compromising positions with 41-year-old Rupert Sanders, who directed her in "Snow White and the Huntsman."

Sitting alongside Pattinson for moral support at the Mandarin Oriental hotel on Columbus Circle was "Cosmopolis" director David Cronenberg. The Canadian filmmaker, whose challenging art house films almost never garner such wide attention, was there as a sort of buffer but also appeared to be quietly amused by the media circus. The actor's manager would not allow Pattinson to sit alone for this interview, and even suggested that reporters not ask him about his personal life, or "Twilight."

But "Twilight," of course, is how Pattinson has become perhaps the most widely recognized young actor of his generation. In the movie franchise, based on Stephenie Meyer's best-selling young adult novels, he plays a brooding vampire who falls in love with a human girl (Stewart). The film series has grossed more than $2.5 billion worldwide since launching in 2008 and will conclude in November with a fifth installment, "Breaking Dawn—Part 2." Pattinson's off-screen romance with Stewart only stoked the popularity of the vampire movies.

When the Stewart-Sanders affair burst onto the cover of Us Weekly in July, it at first seemed like there was little upside for Pattinson. But Stewart's public apology generated not only sympathy for the man wronged but also a fresh wave of interest for "Cosmopolis," which had premiered to mixed response at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

In "Cosmopolis," Pattinson plays a young billionaire on the verge of financial ruin who self-destructs over the course of one day, and he has earned some of the best reviews of his career for his performance as the detached whiz kid.

Cronenberg, who adapted "Cosmopolis" from Don DeLillo's book of the same name, said he felt Pattinson was right for the part largely because of his good-looking face, which appears in nearly every frame of the movie. Before casting him, the director watched all of the films the London native has appeared in, and viewed a number of interviews with Pattinson on YouTube to get a better sense of his personality.

"The strength of the 'Twilight' movies is not the acting," Cronenberg said. "But it's not understood that doing 'Twilight' requires presence and professionalism. Are you saying this is an Academy Award performance, or Alec Guinness? That's a whole other discussion. But you throw somebody on a grueling set like that—a normal person would be dead in an hour."

Warming to his own defense, Pattinson interjected: "With this movie people keep saying, 'Is this gonna be the movie where he can prove he can act?' It's like, 'What do you think I have been doing?' "

"By the way," Cronenberg added, "he's a British guy doing an American accent. People don't realize that there are a lot of very good actors who cannot do accents, and they don't give Rob credit for that."

"Oh, give me anything!" Pattinson said with a laugh.

Director David Cronenberg and Pattinson
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Still, it's clear Pattinson sometimes questions his acting ability. Before production began on "Cosmopolis," he said he was so unsure of his ability to pull off the role that he sat "trembling, absolutely terrified" during the first screen test.

The nerves are somewhat surprising, considering Pattinson's part in "Cosmopolis" doesn't seem all that distant from his own life. Like his character in the film—who remains isolated in a limousine for hours as he slowly traverses Manhattan to get a haircut—Pattinson said that since "Twilight" opened, he has "had four years of gradually being put more and more into smaller and smaller boxes, and you have a desire to break out." He's also a part of the 1 percent—according to Forbes, he earned $12.5 million for the last two "Twilight" pictures—a number he says is "completely not true."

"Weirdly, I went to the bar the other day and there were a bunch of people protesting some 1 percent thing," he recalled. "I drive this kind of [bleep]-looking truck sometimes because I started surfing—it's this 2001 Silverado I bought off of Craigslist for, like, $2,000 or something. So I was hiding in the back of the truck when I saw the protest, thinking, 'I don't want to get involved in this.' "

The demonstrators, Pattinson said, didn't recognize him and a friend. "When the protesters saw us, they were like, 'We're not even shouting at you. You're driving this piece of ... you're not part of the 1 percent.' "

Pattinson insists he's terrible with his finances: "The only thing I'm good at with money is blowing it. I don't even understand [what I spend it on]. I have the exact same lifestyle as when I was 15."

"Look at the way he dresses," Cronenberg said, alluding to Pattinson's informal, almost frat-boy getup of a polo shirt, jeans and backward cap.

The actor said he feels a pressure to appear "unbearably conservative" because he senses his every move is being scrutinized. He says he'd like for bankers to be hunted by paparazzi and TMZ instead but knows that's unrealistic.

"The tabloid industry does terrible, terrible things for the world. It makes people stupid," he said, his cheeks flushing. "People say [tabloids] are about escapism, and people have got to get away from the misery of the world. It's like, 'No, people are lazy, and they don't want to try.' ... Every time I've looked at a magazine like that, I've regretted it. I gain absolutely nothing from it. And neither does anyone else."

SPOILER ALERT

How to define 'not appropriate for kids'?

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If you haven't already watched it, check out the video on Gawker showing two kids crying their eyes out after seeing the half-star atrocity "The Odd Life of Timothy Green." It's a movie Disney has promoted as "feel good" despite a sad ending—*Spoiler alert*: Timothy dies—that clearly has some young viewers debating (via tears) the studio's claim.

We all can think of movies that destroyed us as kids. Actually, one of my first movie memories is my mom and my friend's mom taking us to "All Dogs Go to Heaven," only to remove us from the theater (we were in first grade) after recognizing that death would factor into the movie. Instead, we walked into "Prancer," already in progress. I don't remember much of that movie except Sam Elliott's mustache, but I'm semi-sure that none of the reindeer died.

There's a wide range of movie material that's hard to process when we're young. The end of "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" really freaked me out. A book involving Grover, that blue supporting character in "Sesame Street," really wrecked me, I think because he was being left out. My wife recalls exiting a screening of "An American Tail: Fievel Goes West" at the library because she was so upset that Fievel had to leave his family.

Perhaps these elements need to appear in so-called family films to help us recognize and deal with the realities of life. Otherwise we wind up with time-wasters like "Hop," which provide no lessons or laughs and suggest the filmmakers only hope kids walk out begging to buy merchandise and candy.

On the other hand, a movie like "Toy Story 3" can move kids of all ages to tears in the best way. It's a spectacular movie about childhood, but also about friendship. I'll never forget the image of the toys holding hands,

Gawker video

facing the end together as they move toward certain incineration. Not that all G- or PG-rated material should get that heavy, but when it's done right, it's a beautiful, important thing.

"The Odd Life of Timothy Green," about a couple (Jennifer Garner, Joel Edgerton) who writes down attributes of their ideal, hypothetical son, causing him to literally emerge from the ground, only manipulates its way to sentimentality it doesn't earn.

However, when the kids in the aforementioned video calm down, perhaps they will have more of a conversation with their parents about why the film upset them so much. Even when packaged as badly as "Timothy Green," that's probably preferable in the long run to 90 excruciating minutes with a computer-generated bunny that inspires no reaction or conversation other than, "Why does the Easter Bunny have a British accent?"

WHAT MOVIES TRAUMATIZED YOU AS A CHILD?

Post on our Facebook wall (**facebook.com/theredeye**) or tweet us at **@redeyechicago**, like these readers did.

When tiny me thought Pinocchio had drowned. Mom nearly had to take me out of the theater because I was bawling so loudly. —PHIL B. SOENCKSEN

When I was about 5 I accidentally saw the scene in Arachnophobia where the giant spiders are coming after Jeff Daniels and I was scarred for life. —VAL DENMA

The Land Before Time, it scarred me for life. —@GHOSTJACKSON

Lion King, obviously. "DAAAAAD!!" —@LALALESSLIE

MOTION PICTURE DIRECTORY

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G - General audiences. PG - Parental guidance suggested. PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. R - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

600 N. MICHIGAN (AMC)
600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago
888-AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily ♿
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Ð 12:45, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10
- **The Expendables 2** (R) ★ Ð 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
- AMC Independent **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) Ð (Closed caption) 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20
- AMC Independent **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) Ð 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20
- **The Campaign** (R) Ð 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Ð 1:00, 4:55, 8:40
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) ★ Ð 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:40
- **Hit & Run** (R) ★ Ð 12:35, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) ★ Ð 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25
- AMC Independent **The Queen of Versailles** (PG) Ð 2:15, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)
2828 North Clark St., Chicago
(773) 509-4949
- **Searching for Sugar Man** (PG-13) 1:35, 4:15, 7:25, 9:40
- **Killer Joe** (NC-17) 2:00, 4:40, 7:35, 10:00
- **Beasts of the Southern Wild** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:05, 9:25
- **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
- **Celeste and Jesse Forever** (R) 1:45, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
- **To Rome With Love** (R) 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55
- **2 Days in New York** (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)
2600 N. Western Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1642
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) 11:30, 2:00, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00
- **Hit & Run** (R) (Closed caption) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
- **The Campaign** (R) 11:35, 12:05, 2:05, 5:00, 6:40, 7:40, 10:20
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 3:30, 7:00, 9:45, 10:45
- **Total Recall** (PG-13) 7:05, 10:05
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) 11:55, 2:40, 5:15, 8:00, 10:50
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:10, 7:10, 9:10, 10:10
- **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) 1:10, 3:50
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) 12:20, 3:40, 6:15, 7:15, 9:35, 10:35
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) 12:30, 3:10
- **ParaNorman** (PG) (Closed caption) 2:10, 7:20
- **The Expendables 2** (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
- **The Expendables 2** (R) ★ 12:10, 2:50, 5:40, 8:20, 11:00
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 11:50, 4:40, 9:50
- **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) ★

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
(773) 784-0893
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) ★ 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
- **The Expendables 2** (R) ★ 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 9:50
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) ★ 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) 12:00, 3:15, 6:45, 10:00

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)
S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago
888-AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Ð 11:05, 12:00, 2:15, 3:20, 5:15, 6:20, 8:30, 9:45
- **Total Recall** (PG-13) Ð 11:25, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10
- **The Expendables 2** (R) ★ Ð 11:15, 12:30, 2:00, 3:15, 4:40, 6:25, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15
- **ParaNorman** (PG) ★ Ð 1:45, 7:00
- **The Campaign** (R) Ð 11:05, 1:30, 3:55, 6:45, 9:15
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Ð 11:00, 2:30, 6:00, 9:30
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) ★ Ð 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Ð 11:20, 1:40, 4:15, 10:00
- **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Ð 9:00
- **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Ð 11:10, 1:35, 3:55, 6:35
- **Hit & Run** (R) ★ Ð 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) ★ Ð 11:00, 12:45, 1:50, 3:45, 4:35, 6:30, 7:20, 9:20, 10:05
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) ★ 11:30, 4:30, 9:35

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
164 State Street
(312) 846-2800
- **Free Men** (NR) 6:15
- **Celine and Julie Go Boating** (NR) 6:30
- **Englewood: The Growing Pains in Chicago** (NR) 8:15

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628
- **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:05, 4:05, 6:05, 8:05, 10:05
- **Brave** (PG) 11:30, 1:30, 3:30
- **Ted** (R) 5:35, 7:40, 9:55
- **The Amazing Spider-Man** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- **Beasts of the Southern Wild** (PG-13) 11:40, 1:30, 3:20, 5:10, 7:00, 8:50, 10:35

MUSIC BOX
3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604
- **Kiss Me Deadly** (NR) 5:30, 10:00

THE PATIO THEATER
6008 W. Irving Park Road
(773) 685-4291
- **Ted** (R) 7:30

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)
322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
888-AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Ð 11:20, 12:20, 2:35, 3:40, 6:05, 7:05, 9:20, 10:30
- **Total Recall** (PG-13) Ð 11:15, 2:10, 5:20, 8:30
- **Total Recall** (PG-13) Ð (Closed caption) 11:15, 2:10, 5:20, 8:30
- **Ted** (R) Ð 7:35, 10:35
- **The Expendables 2** (R) ★ Ð 11:40, 1:10, 2:20, 3:55, 5:10, 6:55, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50
- **ParaNorman** (PG) ★ Ð 1:30, 2:20, 7:40
- **ParaNorman** (PG) ★ Ð (Closed caption) 1:30, 2:20, 7:40
- **The Campaign** (R) Ð 11:10, 12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 4:15, 5:25, 6:40, 7:50, 9:10, 10:25
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Ð 11:55, 3:50, 7:45
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) ★ Ð 11:10, 1:25, 2:10, 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 11:00
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Ð (Closed caption) 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:45
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Ð 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:45
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Ð (Closed caption) 11:25, 1:05, 2:05, 3:55, 5:00, 6:35, 7:55, 9:15
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Ð 11:25, 1:05, 2:05, 3:55, 5:00, 6:35, 7:55, 9:15
- **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Ð 11:30, 2:00, 4:45
- **Hit & Run** (R) ★ Ð 11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) ★ Ð 11:35, 1:20, 2:30, 4:10, 5:15, 7:10, 8:15
- AMC Independent **Beasts of the Southern Wild** (PG-13) Ð (Closed caption) 12:15, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 10:55
- AMC Independent **Beasts of the Southern Wild** (PG-13) Ð 12:15, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 10:55
- AMC Independent **Celeste and Jesse Forever** (R) ★ Ð 11:05, 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:45
- AMC Independent **Red Hook Summer** (R) Ð 12:01
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 9:25
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) ★ 11:45, 4:50, 9:25, 10:15
- **The Apparition** (PG-13) ★ Ð 12:01
- **Premium Rush** (PG-13) ★ Ð 12:01

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)
7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Ð 11:00, 12:45, 2:15, 4:10, 5:40, 7:40, 8:50, 11:10
- **Total Recall** (PG-13) Ð 1:00, 4:20, 7:45, 10:30
- **The Expendables 2** (R) ★ Ð 11:35, 12:35, 1:35, 2:30, 3:30, 4:25, 5:25, 6:25, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20, 10:15, 11:50
- **ParaNorman** (PG) ★ Ð 1:30, 7:00
- **The Campaign** (R) Ð 11:25, 1:05, 2:10, 3:40, 4:40, 6:15, 7:10, 8:40, 9:50, 11:30
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Ð 2:00, 5:50, 9:35
- **The Dark Knight Rises: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Ð 11:00, 3:00, 6:45, 10:30
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) ★ Ð 11:00, 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Ð 12:40, 3:25, 6:10, 9:00
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Ð 11:15, 2:05, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
- **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Ð 11:05, 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
- **Hit & Run** (R) ★ Ð 11:10, 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) ★ Ð 11:30, 12:50, 2:20, 3:45, 5:10, 6:40, 8:00, 9:45, 11:00
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) ★ 11:00, 4:15, 9:40
- **Premium Rush** (PG-13) ★ Ð 12:01

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) 11:55, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05
- **Hit & Run** (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) 2:50, 6:30, 10:20
- **ParaNorman** (PG) 2:20, 7:10
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) ★ 12:00, 4:50, 9:40
- **Total Recall** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:50, 10:35
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) 12:50, 1:40, 3:50, 4:40, 6:50, 7:40, 9:50, 10:45
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10
- **The Expendables 2** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:35, 5:20, 8:05, 10:50
- **Finding Nemo 3D** (G) ★

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1646
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) ★ Ð 11:25, 12:30, 2:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:15, 10:15
- **Total Recall** (PG-13) Ð (Closed caption) 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:10
- **Total Recall** (PG-13) Ð 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:10
- **The Expendables 2** (R) ★ Ð 11:30, 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30
- **ParaNorman** (PG) ★ Ð 1:50, 7:00
- **The Campaign** (R) ★ Ð 11:50, 2:15, 4:35, 7:05, 9:20
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Ð 11:00, 2:30, 6:15, 10:00
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) ★ Ð 11:05, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Ð 1:20, 3:55, 6:25
- **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Ð 12:00, 2:40, 5:10
- **Hit & Run** (R) ★ Ð 11:45, 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) ★ Ð 11:00, 12:45, 1:45, 3:35, 4:35, 6:30, 7:30, 9:25, 10:25
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) ★ 11:15, 4:25, 9:35

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)
4779 W. Cermak., Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Ð 12:40, 1:10, 4:20, 6:40, 7:35, 9:55
- **The Expendables 2** (R) ★ Ð 1:00, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15
- **ParaNorman** (PG) ★ Ð (Closed caption) 12:30, 5:30, 10:20
- **ParaNorman** (PG) ★ Ð 12:30, 5:30, 10:20
- **The Campaign** (R) Ð 1:50, 4:20, 8:00, 10:25
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Ð 12:45, 4:10, 6:45, 10:20
- **The Watch** (R) Ð (Closed caption) 10:20
- **The Watch** (R) Ð 10:20
- **The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (PG) ★ Ð 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Ð 1:30, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days** (PG) Ð (Closed caption) 1:30, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Ð (Closed caption) 12:50, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Ð 12:50, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15
- **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Ð 3:45
- **Step Up Revolution** (PG-13) Ð (Closed caption) 3:45
- **Ice Age: Continental Drift** (PG) Ð 12:35, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50
- **Hit & Run** (R) Ð 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 10:05
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) ★ Ð 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 3:00, 8:00
- **ParaNorman 3D** (PG) ★ 3:00, 8:00
- **The Apparition** (PG-13) Ð 12:01
- **Premium Rush** (PG-13) Ð 12:01

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION
Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) ★ 12:20, 3:10, 6:00, 8:50
- ***VIP Premium 21+***
- **Sparkle** (PG-13) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 12:20, 3:10, 6:00, 8:50

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) ★ 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
- **The Expendables 2** (R) ★ 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
- **The Campaign** (R) ★ 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
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- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) ★ 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

EVANSTON

CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)
1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123 ♿
- **Moonrise Kingdom** (PG-13) Ð 10:40
- **The Intouchables** (R) Ð 10:55, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
- **Celeste and Jesse Forever** (R) Ð 10:05, 12:25, 2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:15
- **The Dark Knight Rises** (PG-13) Ð 12:15, 3:50, 7:25, 10:25
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) 10:10, 10:50
- **The Bourne Legacy** (PG-13) Ð 11:45, 1:20, 2:55, 4:30, 6:05, 7:40, 9:15
- **Total Recall** (PG-13) Ð 11:25, 2:15, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45
- **The Campaign** (R) Ð 10:45, 11:55, 1:05, 2:20, 3:20, 4:35, 5:45, 6:55, 8:05, 9:30, 11:00
- **Hope Springs** (PG-13) Ð 10:30, 11:40, 1:00, 2:10, 3:30, 4:45, 6:00, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 10:55
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Josh Hutcherson as Peeta (right) and Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen in 'The Hunger Games'

Hutcherson embraces 'Hunger Games' success

Reuters

Josh Hutcherson never realized when he took on the role of Peeta Mellark in "The Hunger Games" how big an effect the post-apocalyptic survival film would have on popular culture. The actor, 19, still finds it "mind-blowing" that the movie—based on the best-selling sci-fi novels by author Suzanne Collins—became a hit in March, taking in $685 million worldwide. The extras-packed DVD of the film dropped Saturday, and the sequel, "Catching Fire," is set for release in November 2013. Hutcherson spoke about the cultural impact of the franchise and creating on-screen chemistry with Lawrence.

You've had a few months to consider the success of "The Hunger Games." Are you surprised at how well the movie has done?

It's still mind-blowing to me. I think we all kind of knew there was a pretty big fan base for the books, but I never expected people to be this crazy about it and it to be this successful. Our main goal was to make a great movie and I think that's what we did.

The DVD comes packed with bonus features such as interviews, video diaries and a look at the making of the movie. Which do you think fans will enjoy the most?

I'm always really curious to see how a book can turn into a movie and on the DVD there's an eight-part mini-series basically going through the whole process of book to film and that's really cool. Within that you see a lot of our training and the writing process ... even though I lived it, I'm excited to see it on the DVD and see what it's like from set to finish.

You and Jennifer won the MTV Movie Award for best kiss in June. It had been dominated by the stars of vampire romance "Twilight" in recent years. Feel good to win?

Jennifer and I are such good friends. One of the hardest parts for us is to pretend we're in love on screen. It feels so cheesy at times because we're in love with each other in real life as really good friends and just switching that dynamic over was like, "Can we actually do this? We're so goofy and silly together, can we actually pretend that we're seriously lovers?" It's good to know that people say "Yes, you can."

What are you most excited to explore in "Catching Fire?"

Katniss and Peeta's relationship because Peeta loves Katniss and can't help himself from loving Katniss. At the same time he feels like Katniss is just playing this game for everybody else and she doesn't actually have any real feelings for Peeta. As an actor, it's hard to play that, yet also really fun and challenging. I can't wait to dive into that aspect.

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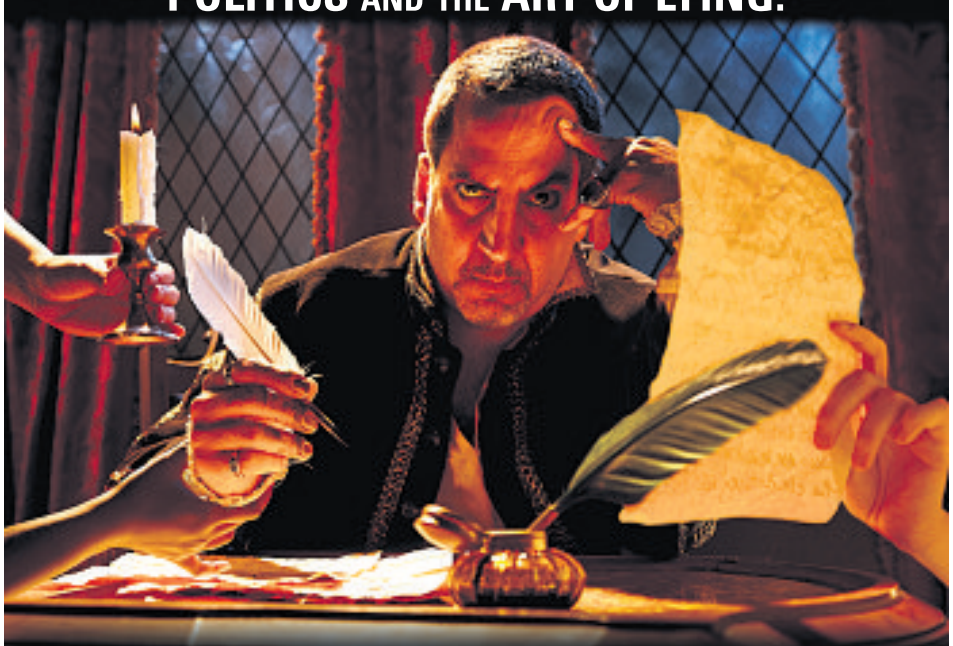

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Tip 'T.I.' Harris stars on 'Boss'

T.I. takes big step onto small screen

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Tip "T.I." Harris has spent considerable time in recording studios and a prison cell. He's now occupying an entirely different kind of box: your TV set. The Grammy-winning rapper is building an acting career by appearing alongside Kelsey Grammer on "Boss," the Starz drama that kicked off its second season Friday.

For those who already have seen T.I. in movies like "American Gangster" and "Takers," it's no surprise that Harris, playing a former gangbanger trying to take new turf in City Hall politics, is good.

Very good.

He's just the latest performer to successfully make the transition from hip-hop artist to credible actor, joining the likes of Will Smith, Ice Cube and Queen Latifah, all of whom have all turned their abilities to master more than one craft into cottage industries.

"Acting just seems like the natural progression, because when you do it right, the payoff is so huge," said T.I., sipping water this month in a restaurant booth at a Beverly Hills hotel. "It's like basketball. If you play, the next thing you aim for is your own tennis shoe."

T.I. first got a chance to show off his acting chops in 2006's "ATL," a coming-of-age story set in his home state of Georgia. Will Smith, a producer on the film, told the studio he'd walk away from the project if they didn't take a chance on the up-and-coming musician.

Smith gave Harris some valuable advice.

"He told me to keep in mind what I have to offer, and that is authenticity," Harris said. "I can bring certain characters to life the way no one else can because of my life experiences."

Those experiences include stints as a drug dealer and a federal prisoner (on a weapons charge), baggage that can scare away film producers. Harris, who is not used to hearing people say "no," said he understands that not getting certain roles is all a part of business.

He also knows that his presence in a film can move tickets. "Takers," the 2010 thriller that he co-produced for roughly $20 million, went on to gross $57 million.

"Sometimes I'm right for a role and people don't see it. They have to learn the hard way," he said. "Their box office will bear witness to what it could have done if they had considered me more."

Harris' confidence has served him well in front of the camera, but ego isn't enough to get the job done.

Common, one of hip-hop's most respected figures, said it's a mistake to assume that a rapper automatically can make the leap into acting. He has built his screen career slowly, first making guest appearances on sitcoms and lending his voice to video games.

Ten years later, he's starring on AMC's "Hell on Wheels" and has a memorable appearance in the new film "The Odd Life of Timothy Green."

"Acting is a different medium of expression," Common said at a poolside party celebrating his drama's second season. "As a rap artist, your thoughts are the seed. You are the creator. As an actor, you need to learn to be a piece of an ensemble."

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Pop stars get graphic in Fame series

Justin Bieber
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As David Bowie asked so many years ago, "Fame, what's your name?" Well, if you're a member of Generation Z who's into music and bio-comics and graphic novels, you know that Fame is the name of a popular series. And it's had a productive summer of new releases. Here's a look.

Fame: Nick Jonas
Read how the youngest member of the pop group fights Type 1 diabetes every day of his life.

Fame: Demi Lovato
From the Disney Channel to hosting this fall's season of "The X Factor" and everything in between.

Fame: Katy Perry
The onetime Christian singer (and former Mrs. Russell Brand) and current pop star's image and songs have appeared everywhere.

Fame: Justin Bieber 2
Issue 1 sold out, kiddies! "Bieber 2 focuses on the trials and triumphs of this young icon as he struggles to solidify his place in an ever-changing industry," according to a statement from series producer Bluewater Productions.

Fame: Cody Simpson
As his song goes, he might be the "N.B.T. (Next Big Thing)" —Simpson has signed on with The Beeb's manager, Scooter Braun.

Fame: One Direction
Wonder if the comic will mention Lovato and One Directioner Niall Horan's "friendship." Uhmmhmmm.

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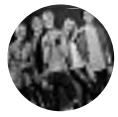

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Prince Harry
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Then-17-year-old Harry admitted to his father, Prince Charles, that he smoked marijuana and drank alcohol. Charles had him meet with counselors and addicts at Featherstone Lodge, a drug rehabilitation center south of London, palace officials confirmed.

2004

Harry got involved in a scuffle with a photographer after leaving a nightclub in October.

2005

Photos of Harry wearing a Nazi soldier's uniform to a costume party surfaced two weeks before Queen Elizabeth led Holocaust memorial ceremonies. He apologized, and later said it had been a "very stupid thing" to do.

2009

Harry, now a captain in the Army who served briefly in Afghanistan, apologized in January after videos surfaced showing him using offensive language to describe members of his military unit. The newspaper posting the videos said he had used the terms without malice.

Harry and the crown jewels

Wire services

With publication of naked photos of him cavorting with a nude woman in Las Vegas, Britain's Prince Harry has given a whole new meaning to the phrase "hanging out."

TMZ posted the photos online late Tuesday. It said the romp featuring the royal, who is third in line to the throne, took place four days earlier at a "high rollers hotel suite" on the Las Vegas strip.

One photo shows Harry, stark naked but for a wristwatch and a necklace. His hands cup his genitals. His face is turned toward the TV in the suite. And his body partially shields that of another person, also naked. A second photo shows him hugging a woman from behind next to a pool table. Both are naked.

Palace officials confirmed the photos are of the 27-year-old prince. Harry, grandson of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, is no stranger to controversy. Here's a look at some of his past gaffes. **CNN, REUTERS, REDEYE CONTRIBUTED.**

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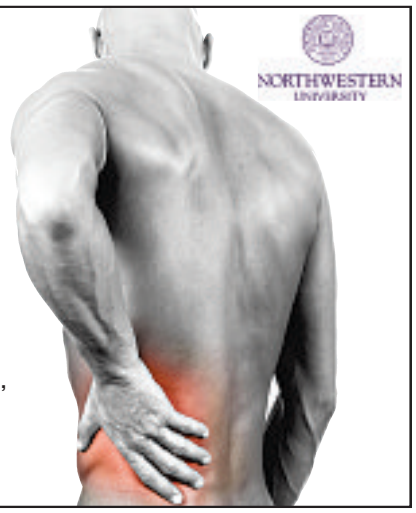

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"I'm sharing a room with a woman who works tutoring all these children ... They'll be in the middle of a reading lesson while I'm sitting there with 30 bottles of wine and then the parents come in."

—**Alpana Singh**, on tasting wine at odd hours for her new restaurant, The Boarding House

All-access sommelier

Alpana Singh preaches affordable, de-mystified wines at new restaurant The Boarding House

By Emily Van Zandt
REDEYE

It's 10 a.m. Do you know where your sommelier is?

If she's anything like Alpana Singh, she's already cracked her first bottle—for work, of course.

This summer, Singh has been busy tasting more than 1,000 wines to narrow her selection for the 300 or so varieties she'll put on the menu at The Boarding House, a multi-level restaurant she's opening at 720 N. Wells St. in River North with her partners next month.

"I've been doing wine tastings in the party room of my building," said Singh, 35, who lives in the Gold Coast. "I'm sharing a room with a woman who works tutoring all these children ... They'll be in the middle of a reading lesson while I'm sitting there with 30 bottles of wine and then the parents come in."

It's a workload that can be a little hard to explain, especially if it's been a red wine-heavy afternoon. Purple teeth just come with the job.

"It's terrible," Singh said. "I actually keep a jar of baking soda on my vanity to get rid of stains."

One of the youngest certified Master Sommeliers when she passed the wine expert credentialing exam in 2003, Singh has become known locally for her jobs as former wine and spirits director with Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises and current host of PBS show "Check, Please!" (Singh is also a former contributing columnist to RedEye.)

In 2011, she left LEYE to open her own restaurant—a spot she hopes will draw in both veteran wine lovers and vino virgins. But first, diners will have to get past the intimidation factor that sometimes comes with wine bars. She may have a fancy title, but Singh is anything but intimidating.

"Any notion that you 'don't know anything about wine'—stop saying that," said Singh, whose breezy personality is punctuated with big, room-stopping laughs. "Just, stop. Never say it again."

People can easily describe how they like their coffee or which flavor of milkshake they want, yet they're hesitant to tell a sommelier what they prefer to taste in their wine, afraid that their taste isn't refined enough.

"It's the industry's fault," Singh said. "But there is a generation of sommeliers out there working to take the intimidation out of it."

Singh points to New York import Jason Wagner, a sommelier working with both Nellcote and recently opened RM Champagne Salon, as part of that new generation.

"Hats off to him," Singh said. "I go in there and ... you see nightlife and stilettos and yet you see bottles of wine."

It's that kind of attitude toward wine that Singh hopes she'll find at The Boarding House, especially in the first-floor lounge. The restaurant space is spread over five levels, with the lounge serving as a more laid-back, light-bites environment countered by a more formal din-

Alpana Singh
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

ing area on the building's third floor.

"You walk in [the first floor] and it's mostly a bar—a big square bar so you can see and talk—and communal tables," Singh said.

Since she's been selecting wines at the same time that they've been tasting food from the kitchen, Singh has been able to ask chef Christian Gosselin to tweak sauces and preparations until the wines and dishes are a perfect match. With the wine program, she hopes to focus on what's hot right now in the wine industry while balancing the trends with classics. Real wine junkies will want to follow Singh —a huge Twitter and Instagram addict—at **@alpanasingh** for updates on by-the-glass offerings on older vintages that might not normally be accessible.

"If we do get a three-liter or magnum of something special, I'll say, 'Hey listen, I'm pouring this right now, come in and try it.' " Singh said.

With most 20-somethings in Chicago living without access to a wine cellar—or the money to stash away pricier bottles—Singh hopes these by-the-glass options will give younger folks a chance to expand their drinking horizons.

Above all, she hopes that no one will walk away from The Boarding House without finding a new favorite wine—no matter the price.

"People need to stop thinking 'Wow, I can only have a good wine if I spend $130' ... That's so not true," Singh said. "Don't look at the price and think that if you're getting a $38 bottle you're missing out on an experience—no, I tried 1,000 wines. I put that bottle on there for a reason—because it's good."

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ALPANA'S TOP WINE TIPS

Still need help hitting your wine stride? Check out Alpana's tips for wine newbies:

1 Stop drinking warm reds. "The biggest sin against wine is a warm red wine," Singh said. At The Boarding House, reds will be served at 55 degrees. "Any red that's been sitting in my home, it's going to go into the fridge for about 15 minutes to bring it down in temperature," Singh said. So those girls dunking ice cubes in their red wine? Not so crazy after all.

2 Sauvignon blanc is like Zooey Deschanel. Singh has spent a lot of time doing wine seminars, and one tried-and-true way to help staff members remember different varieties is to compare them to celebrities. "If I say cabernet is like George Clooney—classic, suave —they'll get it," Singh said. Pinot noir? Think Audrey Hepburn or Kate Middleton: refined, delicate and feminine. "Someone might accuse me of dumbing it down, but did you not understand what I just said?" Singh asks. "Well, then it's incredibly smart."

3 It's OK to buy wine at 7-Eleven. If you're in a pinch at a drugstore or gas station, always go for sauvignon blanc. "It's really hard to screw it up," said Singh, who's been known to order it at a dive bar.

4 The key to preventing hangovers is hydration. Like anyone will tell you, water always helps. Singh likes to down some extra vitamin B12 after a big night out.

5 Better know a winemaker: Even if you're just having a glass, one of the best ways to get to know a wine is to hear the story behind it. "Ask about the story, the region or the winemaker ... it really adds to the experience," Singh said. "When I tell you about the human face ... the mom and dad and grandkids and family dog ... how can you not like the wine a little bit more?" Singh said.

6 Never go through immigration hungover. Singh has been known to choose her overseas airlines based on whether they have free wine service. But she'll refrain if she knows she'll be landing in the morning after a long flight. "The last thing you want to do is go through immigration hungover," Singh said. "That is the worst feeling."

7 Don't be ashamed of your Two-Buck Chuck. Singh suggests going to a restaurant or bar with a basic idea of a white or red that you've really liked in the past so the sommelier can give recommendations based on your tastes. "Go in and tell them that you drink a lot of malbec at home, even if it's something cheap from Trader Joe's," Singh said. "I'm very happy people found something they can afford to drink on a nightly basis—that means you've found something you enjoy."

8 If you're ever invited to Alpana's apartment, don't panic. "People get really nervous about bringing wine over to our house for a dinner party," Singh said. "A gift is a gift—now I just tell them to bring whiskey. They always feel relieved."

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Joel Radakovich
27, law student

What brought you to Rookies tonight?
The drink prices are fantastic, and the drinks are pretty strong. The music's not bad at all. I like the dubstep.

What are you drinking and why?
I'm drinking whiskey-diet. I love whiskey, and I drink diet everything. I work out all the time, so diet, diet, diet.

What are you most looking forward to about the fall?
Can't wait to start wearing hoodies more often. Football.

What's your best legal advice for a night out clubbing?
Don't talk to cops. Stay away from them. And if you get pulled over in two years, look me up and you'll get good representation.

Ashley Kolln
25, retail manager

What brought you to this neighborhood tonight?
If you want to party, you go to Wrigleyville.

What's the craziest thing you've ever seen in Wrigleyville?
Last weekend at Market Days, I saw a lot of half-naked men in the middle of the street, swaying for cabs.

Ebere Okparaeke
23, architecture student

What brings you out tonight?
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Jordana Brewster is one of those actresses who seems to be photographed everywhere. Whether it's a premiere, luncheon or album release party, Brewster makes an appearance looking stylish and camera-ready. When she's not busy on the party circuit, she's lighting up the small screen as Elena Ramos in the TNT remake of the series "Dallas."

Brewster recently was spotted at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association luncheon at the Beverly Hills Hotel. She kept her cool despite the heat in a lightweight floral print Max Mara dress. She accessorized with an orange-sherbet colored M.I.L.C.K. clutch from Ela and kept things simple with Christian Louboutin Viola strappy sandal heels.

Brewster's floral print dress is a season staple, perfect for outdoor parties where keeping cool during a heat wave is a must.

For a similar look, try these ideas.

Patterson J. Kincaid floral print maxi dress, $118 at **saksfifthavenue.com**.

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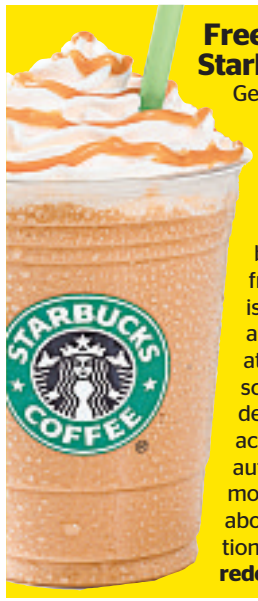

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20, Hyde Park

(1) The bohemian look and musicians like Rihanna **(2)** Wear more slacks and bow ties **(3)** I own over 75 pairs [of earrings] and I like the ones that stand out against my hair.

Jacob Burstein
20, Lakeview

(1) Kind of depends on what music I am listening to **(2)** All girls should own a pair of bloomers
(3) My oversized chiffon wrap. It's good in all seasons.

Angela Gawthrop
23, Roscoe Village

(1) My life ... and everything really
(2) Do not be scared
(3) My sister bought my necklace for me in the United Kingdom.

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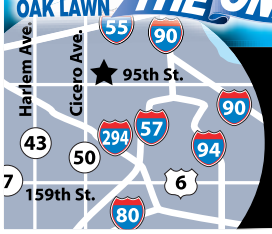

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WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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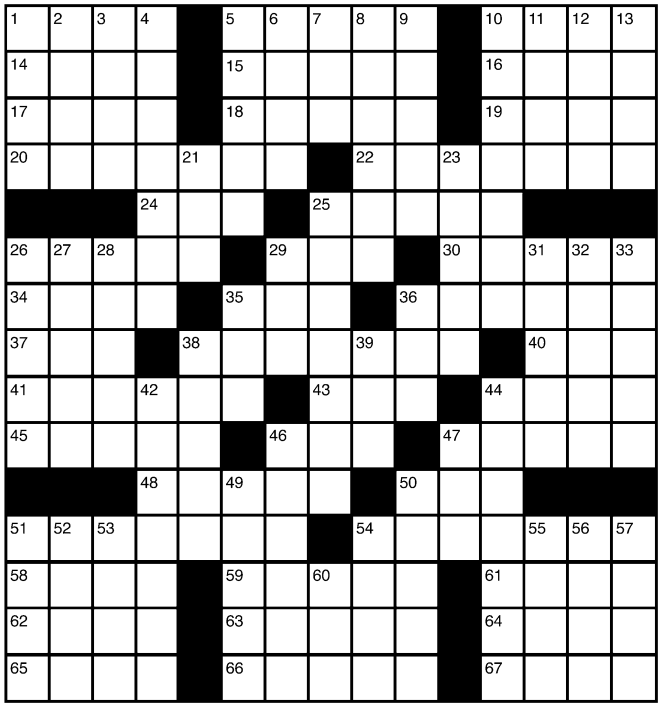

ACROSS
1 Renown
5 Closes tightly
10 "No _, no gain"
14 To _; unanimously
15 Reddy or Hunt
16 Impolite
17 Small brook
18 Cream of the crop
19 Once again
20 Accepts one's pension
22 Natural environment
24 Bigwig, for short
25 Creator
26 Slumber
29 Dover's state: abbr.
30 San Francisco baseball player
34 Actor Rachins
35 "Ready, _, fire!"
36 Bug's antenna
37 Paper sack
38 Tumbler
40 "_ Maria"
41 Come forth
43 Actor McKellen
44 Prayer closing
45 More unusual
46 Goof up
47 Knight's weapon
48 Is ahead of
50 Rush
51 Tel Aviv native
54 Beet soup
58 Orderly
59 _ than; besides
61 "The Buckeye State"
62 _ apart; undo
63 Cures
64 "_ eyes have seen the glory..."
65 Singles
66 Confuse
67 Split _; hair frizz, often

DOWN
1 Actor Jamie _
2 French girlfriend
3 Thick drink
4 Animate
5 Flock members
6 Sushi bar items
7 Muhammad _
8 Deadly
9 Move furtively
10 Large grassy expanse
11 Mom's sister
12 New thought
13 Mr. Gingrich
21 _ Van Winkle
23 Father children
25 Life stories
26 _-toothed tiger
27 Camel's smaller cousin
28 Raring to go
29 Hitchcock or Scorsese: abbr.
31 Hertz rival
32 At no time
33 Prevailing style
35 Highest spade
36 Electric cooler
38 Concur
39 Forbid entry to
42 _ to; feels a kinship with
44 Amazing
46 Corrected text
47 Gentleman
49 Hawaiian hello
50 Steed
51 Run _; meet
52 Actor Penn
53 Gather leaves
54 Chime
55 Part of the face
56 Female deer
57 Foot digits
60 Owned

TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1927: Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, found guilty in 1921 of murdering two men in a 1920 robbery, were electrocuted in Boston.

1996: President Bill Clinton imposed limits on peddling cigarettes to children as he unveiled Food and Drug Administration regulations declaring nicotine an addictive drug.

2000: An estimated 51 million viewers tuned in for the final episode of CBS' reality series "Survivor," in which Richard Hatch won the top prize of $1 million.

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who we don't like

The two sides of McKayla Maroney
REUTERS FILE PHOTOS

Will McKayla Maroney be impressed at the VMAs? We doubt it...

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

One of the greatest parts of the London Olympics was the impeccable mashup of sports and music. While we're not sure they'll be able to top the Spice Girls, we were pretty excited to hear the U.S. women's gymnastics team, aka the Fab/Fierce Five, will be in attendance at MTV's Video Music Awards on Sept. 6. But will frequently skeptical vaulter McKayla Maroney like what she sees and hears? Find out using our (semi) patented Impressed-O-Meter featuring scheduled performers, along with McKayla's (totally fake) opinions. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA

NOT IMPRESSED ——→ SEMI IMPRESSED

Miley Cyrus
Her haircut is scroungy. Girlfriend needs a weave.

Mac Miller
He's from ... Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh smells.

Green Day
Aren't they, like, old?

One Direction
Saw them in London. Still cute, but NEXT.

Taylor Swift
Girl, I can relate to all your boy troubles. John Mayer won't call me back either.

Wiz Khalifa
He's from Pittsburgh, but with way more impressive hardware. We can compare neck bling!

Pink
Also kind of old, but she knows how to stick a routine. Plus, hello, pink!

Alicia Keys
Damn, those are some amazing pipes. I'm impressed.

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That's when Alabama Shakes—whose Lollapalooza set was canceled earlier this month due to a weather delay—will perform a free, 21-and-over show at Subterranean. RSVP on the American Family Insurance Facebook page for a chance to get in the door.

"Not really."

—Sofia Vergara, to **thr.com**, on whether she's excited for her character to be pregnant on Season 4 of "Modern Family." She then laughed and clarified: "It's easier when there aren't babies on set."

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The end

Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise are officially divorced. Papers filed in a New York court indicate the case was closed Monday, 53 days from when Holmes filed for divorce and 42 days from when the couple reached a settlement agreement.

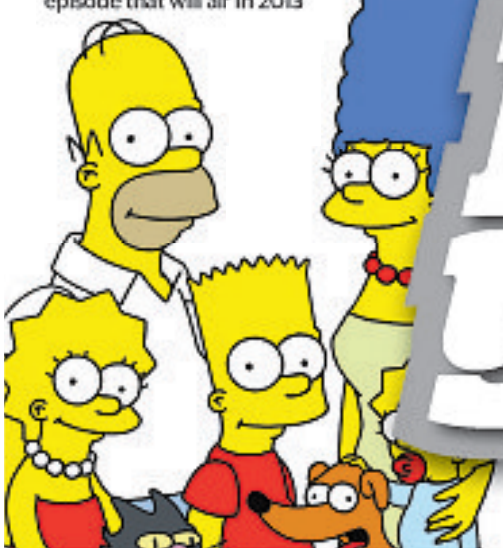
LL Cool J

From Canada, with love

Surprise! After a six-month courtship, Avril Lavigne and Nickelback singer Chad Kroeger are engaged, **people.com** reports. And if you want to know more (and see a picture of Lavigne sporting an enormous engagement ring), you'll just have to pick up the next issue of Hello! Canada.

"It's a cameo, but all of his fans should watch every minute of the show, before and after he's on."

—"Simpsons" executive producer Al Jean, to **ew.com**, on Justin Bieber's cameo on an episode that will air in 2013



THE DIGIT

71

That's how many spots Taylor Swift's "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" rose on the Billboard Hot 100 this week, landing her at No. 1 for the first time in her career.

Knock you out

LL Cool J is a lover *and* a fighter. An intruder into LL's L.A. home suffered a broken jaw and broken nose early Wednesday, **latimes.com** reports. Looks like some of that "NCIS: Los Angeles" training has stuck with him.

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